

Marian Canavan
230 S. Washington
Butte

Interview: May 20, 1987

Marian Canavan lives in the Virginia Apartments in a flat on the top floor rear with what would be a wonderful view of the valley and Highlands in good weather. Unfortunately, it was snowing on the day of the interview. Mrs. Canavan has been a member of the Marian White Arts and Crafts Club for forty years and her apartment is decorated with her own art work--framed pastels of still lifes and landscapes. She is also an avid collector of glassware and dishes, and cupboards, shelves and tables all hold an array of fancy vases, paperweights, cups, saucers, dishes.

We had tea in bone china cups and nut bread at the table in front of her south-facing window before we started the interview. Mrs. Canavan had done some kind of taping for Dan Sweeney during a bicentennial project on Butte and was quite at ease with the process. She is a member of the Montana Historical Society and loves history.

Marian Canavan is a slight woman, perhaps 5'2" with a slender figure, brown eyes, curly permed hair. She has smoked Lucky Strikes since she was nineteen and at eighty-two has no intention of stopping. She no longer drives and walks everywhere as well as up the four flights of stairs to her apartment.

Butte Oral History Project

LIFE HISTORY

Name: Canavan Marian Schapiro Sex: F Race: W
 Last First Maiden

Current Address: 230 S. Washington Butte Silver Bow MT 59701
 Street Town County State Zip

Telephone: 723-4831 Birthplace: Wimbledon, North Dakota DOB: Oct 3, 1905

Years of School: high school Church Membership: St. Patrick's

parents:	DOB	Birthplace	Occupation	DOM	DOD
Fa: <u>Albert Schapiro</u>		<u>Germany</u>	<u>Accountant</u>		<u>1948</u>
Mo: <u>Charlotte Campbell</u>		<u>Wisconsin</u>			<u>1961</u>

Siblings (in order of birth)

Name	Sex	DOB	Birthplace	Occupation	DOM	DOD
<u>Marian</u>						
<u>Leo</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>1907</u>	<u>Butte</u>	<u>Finken Hotel</u> ^{in charge of refrigeration} <u>(1924-retirement)</u>		<u>1983</u>
<u>Paul</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>1918</u>	<u>Butte</u>	<u>mining engineer (Bureau of Mines)</u>		<u>retired</u>
<u>Raelene</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>1921</u>	<u>St. Paul</u>		<u>✓</u>	<u>lives in New Orleans</u>
<u>Mark</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>1924</u>	<u>Butte</u>	<u>maintenance</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>Seattle</u>

Occupational History (List jobs in order)

Date of First Employment

Position	Company	Dates

Spouse:

DOB	Birthplace	Occupation	DOM	DOD
<u>1902</u>	<u>Pennsylvania</u>	<u>mining engineer</u> <u>foreman at Belmont</u> <u>Kelley (block casing)</u> <u>High Ore</u>	<u>1927</u>	<u>1964</u> <u>(New Yrs Eve)</u>

Children (list in order of birth)

Name	Sex	DOB	Birthplace	Occupation	DOM	DOD
<u>Joseph</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>1930</u>	<u>Butte</u>	<u>efficiency expert (retired)</u>		<u>now runs chili parlor in Pike St Market</u>
<u>John</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>1931</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>sup in charge of public</u>		
<u>Mary Charlotte</u> <u>(Ginger)</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>1933</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>paralegal</u>		<u>affairs at Columbia Falls</u> <u>Aluminum plant</u>